



# TURKMENISTAN PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

## United States Agency for International Development

### Central Asia Region

ENTERPRISE & TRADE	Implementing Partners
<p><b>SME Support &amp; Business Education:</b> USAID is providing increased opportunities to access modern business and economic information. USAID's Enterprise Development Center in Ashgabat is helping prepare the next generation of entrepreneurs by offering basic business education courses, including modern principles of accounting, marketing, and strategic business planning. In partnership with a Central Asian regional accounting federation, USAID is supporting a training, examination and certification program that complies with international standards of accounting and audit. USAID's Resource Network for Economics and Business Education (EdNet) is offering college students greater access to information and opportunities to succeed in the free market by training professors in economics and business education, as well as making available teaching materials, and providing research opportunities and scholarships.</p>	<p>Pragma, Carana, KIMEP</p>
<p><b>Commercial Law:</b> Seminars and lectures on international and commercial law are provided to Turkmen law students, government lawyers, legal professionals, private practitioners and entrepreneurs to give them a comparative international perspective on business law and better prepare to represent clients in commercial law matters. Seminars and roundtables promote the use of international legal business standards within the local academic, public and private sectors to foster a legal practice climate more favorable to foreign investment. Monitoring reports on commercial law developments in Turkmenistan are prepared and distributed on a bimonthly basis. Technical assistance helps ensure that proposed commercial legislation meets international standards.</p>	<p>ABA/CEELI</p>
DEMOCRATIC CULTURE & INSTITUTIONS	Implementing Partners
<p><b>Civic Organizations:</b> USAID supports the development of the NGO sector broadly by funding the establishment of a network of Civil Society Support Centers (CSCCs) – NGOs that will become localized, sustainable nodes of support for other NGOs. This strengthens the support infrastructure available to NGOs, leading to an increase in the professionalism, sustainability and impact of NGOs and other civil society groups. Empowerment and growth of NGOs in all strategic areas, including the environmental, health and civic education sectors is accomplished by proactively focusing on NGO training, leadership and coalition building, and by offering assistance to communities in organizing water user associations and to students in organizing an independent law student association. To increase the availability of information, USAID supports a law library.</p>	<p>Counterpart Consortium/ ICNL, ABA/CEELI, ISAR</p>
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE	Implementing Partners
<p><b>Quality Primary Health Care:</b> USAID is collaborating with the Turkmenistan Maternal and Child Health Institute, WHO, and UNICEF to introduce Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) approach in 2 pilot sites-Ferab in Balkan Velayat and Serap in Lebap Velayat. The IMCI approach involves training health care providers to identify and treat the most common causes of childhood death and educating families to prevent illness and seek care early. USAID is also strengthening health sector non-governmental organizations' (NGOs) abilities to promote maternal and child health activities at the community level. USAID successfully conducted a population-based survey on the health of women and children, which is being widely used by donors and government alike since its dissemination.</p>	<p>Abt Associates/ Zdrav Plus, Counterpart Consortium</p>
<p><b>Health Partnerships:</b> USAID supports a health partnership between the University of North Dakota and the Turkmenistan Ministry of Health and Medical Industry to strengthen the primary health care system by developing a skills-based primary health care curriculum and retraining program for physicians and nurses.</p>	<p>AIHA</p>
<p><b>Infectious Disease Control:</b> USAID provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry in implementation of the WHO-recommended Directly Observed Therapy, Short Course (DOTS) strategy for tuberculosis (TB) control in Ashgabat. Clinical and laboratory DOTS training in the Central TB Hospital and Houses of Health will be followed by monitoring and evaluation. Laboratory equipment and TB drugs have been provided. USAID is strengthening capacity of the National TB DOTS and Infectious Disease Reference Laboratories. USAID has initiated an extensive program of activities to control and prevent the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Central Asia. An important part of USAID's strategy includes a new collaborative effort with Soros Foundation – Kazakhstan to extend programs for those groups most vulnerable to the epidemic: injection drug users, commercial sex workers and prisoners. In Turkmenistan, USAID will implement these activities through UNAIDS and will continue to support publication of "Serdar Yoly," a healthy lifestyle newspaper, and "Lukman," a healthy lifestyle magazine.</p>	<p>CDC, Project HOPE, UNAIDS/ Turkmenistan, RPM Plus Project, Soros Foundation</p>

ENERGY & WATER MANAGEMENT		Implementing Partners
<p><b>Natural Resource Management:</b> USAID is helping to improve access to information, knowledge and skills by strengthening data collection systems and promoting information sharing to help water and energy managers make more informed decisions. Training and partnerships with U.S. policy specialists help government and oil and gas companies better manage their resources. Assistance also helps the government develop and implement oil and gas environmental laws and regulations. USAID is introducing new ideas to clean oil fields and minimize waste in oil and gas extraction. Assistance to water managers in forecasting snowmelt and water run-off contributes to planning, allocating and managing critical water systems. Regional cooperation in sustainable water management is supported through the development of transboundary water agreements and the sharing of regional data on water management.</p>		PA Consulting, Winrock International, Development Alternatives Inc.
<p><b>Public Commitment:</b> USAID is working to build public interest in and commitment to reform in the management of water and energy resources through public awareness activities coupled with practical assistance efforts, such as demonstration models. Such models highlight the viability of management concepts and new technologies, as well as the practicality of proposed policy and regulatory framework reforms. Pilot projects have been conducted in the areas of energy, clean-up and prevention of contamination at oil and gas fields, and the use of best practices in the environmental management of oil and gas fields. An on-farm water management pilot, in which local user groups measure and determine their irrigation needs, will be conducted in the Dashagush region.</p>		PA Consulting
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES		Implementing Partners
<p>The <b>Conflict Mitigation Initiative</b>, which includes the Community Action Investment Program (CAIP), promotes broad-based citizen dialogue and participation in community development activities, with an overall goal of reducing the potential for violent conflict in target communities. CAIP will continue to utilize community participatory processes to help identify priority investments in social infrastructure improvements, create several thousand new short-term and sustainable jobs (the majority of which will be for youth), and improve social services through new and repaired infrastructure. The target geographic area is Lebap province and vicinity in southeastern Turkmenistan.</p>		Mercy Corps
<p><b>Eurasia Foundation</b> makes small grants on an ongoing basis, oriented to support the transition from centrally-planned to market economies. The grants support innovative private enterprise development through increased access to capital and information. Grants also support local governance, improved public administration, and the growth of civil society.</p>		Eurasia Foundation
<p><b>Participant Training &amp; Exchanges:</b> Training and exchanges remain a critical element for accomplishing USAID/CAR's overall strategic goals, and participants are carefully selected to support and complement USAID's broader portfolio and objectives. The training program is highly flexible and includes workshops, on-the-job training, observation, study tours and conferences and generates new ideas from participants on improving practices in their own countries. Turkmenistani citizens from both the government and private sector participate in specially designed courses in the United States, third countries and in Central Asia. These courses cover such subjects as public sector financial management, accounting, health care reform, civil society, energy and environment sector development. Training remains particularly beneficial for participants from Turkmenistan where citizens are cut off from the rest of the world. Approximately 2,000 Turkmenistan professionals, half of whom are women, are trained annually through its various activities. Of this total, USAID trained over 1,000 active citizens through the Global Training for Development Project in FY 2001. In 2002, a new participant training and exchanges program, called Strategic Technical Assistance through Training, began.</p>		AED

#### Glossary of Acronyms:

<b>ABA/CEELI:</b>	American Bar Association/Central and East European Law Initiative
<b>AED:</b>	Academy for Educational Development
<b>AIHA:</b>	American International Health Alliance
<b>CDC:</b>	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>HOPE:</b>	Health Opportunity for People Everywhere
<b>ICNL:</b>	International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
<b>ISAR:</b>	Initiative for Social Action and Renewal in Eurasia
<b>KIMEP:</b>	Kazakhstan Institute for Management, Economics and Strategic Research
<b>RPM:</b>	Rational Pharmaceutical Management
<b>UNAIDS:</b>	United Nations AIDS
<b>WHO:</b>	World Health Organization